

# ANNUAL REPORT

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ON THE

## SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

**Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District**

*For the Year 1908.*



**JAMES ANDERSON, M.B., &c.,**

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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# Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council



*To the Chairman and Members of the Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you my Seventh Annual Report on the health and sanitary administration of your district, together with statistics showing the births, deaths, &c., for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

## GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

The township of Poulton-le-Fylde is distant rather more than three miles from Blackpool, situated on the sea board (Irish Sea), with a declivity towards the River Wyre.

Formerly the town itself was designated the Metropolis of the Fylde. For a good many years it has been free from any epidemic of a virulent character. In fact, it has now become a favourite residential place for merchants and others from inland towns, such as Manchester, Oldham, &c.

The surroundings are markedly favourable towards those recovering from acute diseases and rheumatism of acute forms are unknown.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

AREA AND POPULATION.—The area of the Urban District is 915 statute acres, and I estimate the population as the same as last year, viz., 2,550, and on this figure the various averages are calculated. The population at the census (1901) was 2,223.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH-RATE.—The births registered during the year 1908 numbered 50 (males, 22 ; females, 28), or 7 more than in the previous year. The illegitimate births numbered 3. The birth-rate corresponded to 19.6 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 16.8 last year, 18.4 in 1906, 22.4 in 1905, 21.7 in 1904, and an average of 22.6 for the seven years 1901-7.

This is less than the birth-rate of England and Wales, but it must be considered that many come here to reside at advanced ages.

DEATHS AND DEATH-RATE.—The deaths registered in the district amounted to 34, and 3 deaths occurred in Public Institutions, outside the district of persons belonging thereto, making a total of 37, equal to a rate of 14.5 per 1,000 of the population. Last year 40 deaths took place, giving a rate of 15.6 ; in 1906 the rate was 12.8 ; in 1905, 11.2 ; in 1904, 13.7 ; and the average of the seven years which have elapsed since the district became an Urban District was 13.1.

Table IV. appended gives the causes of death at various age periods.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPAL EPIDEMIC DISEASES were accredited with two deaths, viz., whooping cough 1, and measles (complicated with pneumonia), 1. The

rate per 1,000 was 0.78. In the three preceding years not a single death was registered as due to diseases of this class.

PHTHISIS (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) caused only one death, against 5 deaths last year ; and 2 deaths in 1906. The rate for the year under report was 0.39 ; for 1907, 1.96.

RESPIRATORY DISEASES (Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy), contributed 3 deaths, equal to a rate of 1.17 ; against 5 deaths and a rate of 1.96 in the previous year.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—A regrettable increase has taken place in the number of deaths of children under the age of one year, viz, 10, against 4 in 1907 and 1906, and 3 in 1905. The rate, calculated per 1,000 births, was 200, the highest figure recorded for the district. Last year the average was 93 ; in 1906, 86 ; in 1905, 53 ; and the average of the seven years, 1901-7, was 98. The deaths were due to premature birth 2, enteritis 2, marasmus 2, and whooping cough, meningitis, bronchitis, and heart disease 1 each.

DETAILS OF DEATHS are given on the Local Government Board Tables.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Nine cases of infectious disease were notified—the same number as last year. Scarlet fever furnished six cases, diphtheria, 2 cases, and enteric fever, 1 case. Three of the scarlet fever cases were removed to the joint hospital at Moss Side.

The Slaughter-houses have been regularly visited and always found to be in good order and condition.

The Bake-houses, Cow-sheds, and Public Auction Buildings are kept cleanly with regularity.

WATER SUPPLY.—This is obtained from the Fylde Water Works Company in a good and plentiful supply, suitable for culinary purposes.

SCAVENGING.—The improvement marked previously can still be said to be maintained. The bin system has increased, but not as much as one would desire.

DISINFECTION.—Is carried out satisfactory.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT. — No accidents occurred.

In conclusion,

Gentlemen,

I am, Yours faithfully,

**JAMES ANDERSON,**

M.B., and L.R.C.S. (Edin.), &c., M.O.H.  
Poulton-le-Fylde.

FEBRUARY, 1909.

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**TABLE I.—Vital Statistics of the Urban District of Poulton-le-Fylde during 1908.**

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.		DEATHS AT ALL AGES. TOTAL		Total Deaths in Public Institutions.	Deaths of Non-Residents registered in District.	Deaths of Residents Registered beyond District.	DEATHS AT ALL AGES. NETT.	
		Number	Rate *	Number	Rate per 1000 Births Registered.	Number	Rate *				Number	Rate *
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1901	2223	51	22.9	7	137	32	14.3	...	1	...	31	13.9
1902	2223	59	26.3	6	101	33	14.8	...	...	...	33	14.8
1903	2223	67	30.1	4	59	23	10.3	...	...	...	23	10.3
1904	2250	49	21.7	8	163	29	12.8	...	...	2	31	13.7
1905	2500	56	22.4	3	53	27	10.8	...	...	1	28	11.2
1906	2500	46	18.4	4	86	31	12.4	...	...	1	32	12.8
1907	2550	43	16.8	4	93	40	15.6	...	...	...	40	15.6
Averages for years 1901-1907	2352	53	22.6	5	98	30	13.0	...	...	...	31	13.1
1908	2550	50	19.6	10	200	34	13.3	...	...	3	37	14.5

\* Rates in Column 4, 8, and 13, calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

TABLE II.

*Vital Statistics of separate Locality in 1908 and previous years  
of Urban District of Poulton-le-Fylde.*

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
1901.....	2223	51	31	7
1902.....	2223	59	33	6
1903.....	2223	67	23	4
1904.....	2250	49	31	8
1905.....	2500	56	28	3
1906.....	2500	46	32	4
1907.....	2550	43	40	4
Averages of years 1901 to 1907 ...	2352	53	31	5
1908.....	2550	50	37	10





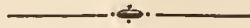
**TABLE IV.**—*Causes of, and Ages at Death during Year 1908.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN WHOLE DISTRICTS AT SUBJOINED AGES.						
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.
Measles .....	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough .....	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Epidemic Influenza .....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Enteritis .....	3	2	...	...	...	1	...
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) .....	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2	...	1	...	1	...	...
Bronchitis.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia .....	2	...	...	...	1	1	...
Other Diseases of Res- piratory organs .....	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Alcoholism (Cirrhosis of Liver) .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature Birth .....	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Heart Diseases .....	3	1	...	...	...	...	2
Accidents .....	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
All other causes .....	17	3	1	2	1	6	4
All causes.....	37	10	3	3	4	10	7

**TABLE V.**—Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under one year of age, during 1908.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	Total under 1 month	1-2 months.	4-5 months.	5-6 months	6-7 months	9-10 months	Total Deaths under one year.
All causes, Certified .	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	10
Whooping cough	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Diarrhoeal Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Wasting diseases	1	1	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	2
Meningitis.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Bronchitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Other causes ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3
	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	10

# Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council



## NUISANCE INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

### SANITARY CONDITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1908.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District  
Council of Poulton-le-Fylde.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report and Summary of Nuisances dealt with in your district during the year ending 31st December, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

Total Number of Letters and Notices served ..	53
Special Reports .....	2
Drains opened and rectified .....	21
Back Yard cleared of objectionable matter...	3
New Bins provided .....	28
Defective Soil Pipes.....	5
Defective Waterclosets .....	6
Defective Privies .....	20
Defective Ashpits improved .....	25
Accumulations of Manure removed .....	2
Offensive Ditches cleaned out .....	8
Connections to Sewer and subjected to Smoke Test .....	9
Total number of defects rectified .....	98
Total number of premises inspected .....	163

MAIN WATER COURSES.—These are mostly in a satisfactory condition.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.—There are three registered and licensed premises within your district, and these are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

BAKE-HOUSES.—No complaint to make as to their management.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Number of infectious cases inquired into :—

Dwelling-houses disinfected after	Scarlet Fever,	6.
”	”	”
”	”	”
”	”	”
	Diphtheria,	2.
	Enteric Fever,	1.

NEW HOUSES.—During the year 6 new houses have been erected and certified for habitation, the whole of these are supplied with water by the Fylde Water Board.

COMMON LODGING-HOUSE.—This is unregistered, but periodically visit the same, and find no reason for complaint in way in which the house is kept.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.—The sewers have been flushed regularly every month, and cleaned out when necessary, a nine inch pipe has been substituted for the six inch storm overflow discharging into the dyke adjoining Skipool Road, and an additional ventilating shaft fixed adjoining the Railway Hotel in Breck Road.

REMOVAL OF NIGHTSOIL AND ASHES.—Considerable difficulty has been experienced during the past year in obtaining a satisfactory tip for ashes, &c., but

eventually one has been found that is well removed from the town, and will accommodate two or three years refuse.

The ashpits are at present emptied only three times during the twelve months, but hope to be able to increase the number of clearances to four during the ensuing year.

In conclusion I must thank all persons who have made sanitary improvements on the same being suggested to them.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

**J. BURTON MOSS,**

*Inspector of Nuisances.*

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